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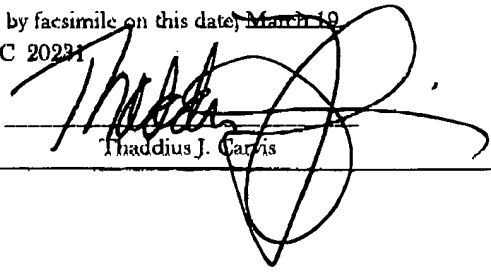
## REMARKS

The Office Action bearing a mailing date of December 19, 2000 has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1 through 9 were allowed and claims 10-42 were rejected. Because this is a reissue application filed with the purpose of provoking an interference and contains only previously allowed claims from applicants' U. S. Patent No. 6,039,304 and U. S. Patent No. 5,937,890 (the '890 patent) to Marandi, no claims have been added, cancelled or amended. Claims 1 through 42 remain pending in this application.

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